



Progressive Youth Organization

MONTHLY BULLETIN

Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD) is born in the flames of independence, democracy, peace and social progress struggle of Turkish working class, people and youth. İGD was established in Jan, 1976 as a response to a certain necessity. Fighting against dominant reactionary forces; against the attempts of maoist, gauchist and similar groups, that have no relation with working class struggle, of breaking down the unity of youth.

Main slogan of İGD in its attempts of forming the unity of youth is "Way of youth is the way of working class". Solidarity with the international student and youth movement, WFDY, IUS and other international and national youth organisations, in every respect and in every possible way is one of the most fundamental aims of İGD.

Wide masses of youth are embracing İGD

Our organisation İGD has spread very fast in a short time just after it has been founded. Increase in the number of newly founded offices of İGD whose members currently amount to 30000 is the very proof of its large paces in organising the youth. These offices covering all parts of Turkey are:

In the north: Zonguldak and Çaycuma

In the south: Adana and Samandağ

In the south-east: Diyarbakır, Batman and Gaziantep

In the central Anatolia: Kızılay and Çankaya (both in Ankara)

In the west: İzmir Karşıyaka and Alaşehir

In the north-west: Including the national center in İstanbul; Kartal, Beşiktaş, Kadıköy, Eminönü, Beykoz and Edirne.

As stated above, there are currently 18 offices in operation and several others just about to be opened. Besides there are over 50 democratic organizations working in harmony with İGD in some regions of Anatolia where İGD cannot operate due to the repression and obstructions of the dominant reactionary forces and regional characteristics.

Repression on İGD since its foundation

Fascist-reactionary forces frightened by its progress, have increased their attacks over İGD. The hard working conditions of our organization can be observed by looking at some of these attacks:

— The first victim of these attacks was our Cypriot friend Özer Elmas, who was a student of İstanbul Technical University.

— The second, another Cypriot friend Mehmet Ömer, was murdered by the fascists in March 1976. In his funeral ceremony police has attacked and imprisoned 36 of our friends.

— Mehmet Dağbaşı, a member of İGD, was murdered by the fascists in the preliminary works for May Day, 1976 when sticking up posters.

— The fascists were not the only group frightened by the progress of İGD. The maoist and gauchist groups were also obstructing İGD. In September a small gauchist group attacked and fired shots against the Central Bureau of İGD, causing A. Muhtar Sökücü, the president of İGD, to be wounded. These attacks were mounted against our offices in Anatolia as well as İstanbul. Our Ankara office became a subject of a night-attack and was destroyed in December.

— In Zonguldak, while putting up posters a number of İGD members were captured by police and İGD bureau was searched. This was also the case in İzmir.

— In January, the day after Nazım Hikmet's 75 th birth anniversary in an operation of steel armored police broke into the Central Bureau of İGD in İstanbul and arrested all of İGD office representatives who were holding a meeting there.

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— Also Gaziantep and Batman İGD were searched and destroyed by the police in the same month. And Gaziantep İGD was closed down by the police.

— In the very following day Çankaya İGD (in Ankara) was banned by the police.

Besides our offices our members were also subjected to violent attacks. A young worker Avni Ece, a member of İzmir İGD, was murdered by the fascists while putting up posters.

— In İskenderun, one of our members, Hikmet Umul, a high school student in his eighteen, was shot to death in another attack where his friends were wounded.

— Maoists were also mounting their attacks. In Kartal (İstanbul) they fired shots one of the members was heavily wounded. The day after this attack, again in Kartal, they attacked our friends while they were handing brochures; 8 İGD members were wounded.

— On April 19 th., Maoists accused 3 İGD members for killing one of their friends. Police, taking the lie as a public charge, broke into the Central Bureau and arrested 25 of our friends.

— During that time in south Samandağ İGD was closed down by the police

— On April 24th., Mehmet Yapıcı was murdered by fascists in İstanbul.

— After all these terror and repression, İGD Joined the May 1st demonstrations with a mass of 50000 people. After the May Day massacre several of our friends were wounded and numbers of others were arrested.

— In June, the attacks against İGD reached the peak in Southern Anatolia and Adana İGD was bombed by the fascists.

— In Gaziantep Zeki Yıldırım was killed by fascist commandos.

— A short while after this again in Gaziantep one of our worker members, Fevzi Türbedar was killed by a maoist gauchist group.

All these attacks and restrain can never stop our struggle for independence, peace, democracy, social progress and socialism.